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BAR ADMISSIONS

- Virginia
- District of Columbia

EDUCATION

- **J.D.**
George Mason University School of Law, 1984
- **M.S.W.**
Yeshiva University, 1979
- **B.A.**
Hofstra University, 1974

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

- Divorce
- Premarital & Postnuptial Agreements
- Equitable Distribution
- Mediation
- Commercial Leasing

Whether helping her clients negotiate to draft commercial leases or working collaboratively to resolve complex family law issues, Leslye Fenton brings a uniquely powerful combination of sensitivity and tenacity to her work.

As an attorney and trained mediator, Leslye believes in listening carefully to her clients to identify what drives their interests. This key, she says, unlocks the paths toward resolution, successful negotiation and, hopefully, beneficial outcomes.

Her practice includes Family Law and Commercial Leasing, and her distinct combination of skills is advantageous in both practices because each demands effective negotiating strategies. With a practical, livable solution as the end goal, Leslye develops the most efficient strategy to solve the problem at hand while helping her clients navigate the legal process to a timely completion.

In her Family Law practice, Leslye concentrates on issues involving equitable distribution of property, child and spousal support, visitation, and a variety of other issues affecting children and families. She is experienced in dispute resolution and is certified by the Supreme Court of Virginia as a mediator. She uses mediation as an alternative to adjudicating family law matters. Leslye also is a frequent speaker on family law issues at The Women's Center in Vienna, VA, and other organizations.

In her Commercial Leasing practice, Leslye has extensive knowledge and experience representing both landlords and tenants in negotiating and drafting commercial leases of shopping centers, office buildings, business parks, warehouses, and unimproved land. She has also presented a number of CLE seminars on commercial leasing.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Course
 - Faculty
- Fairfax Bar Association
- Virginia Women Attorneys Association
- Fairfax County Circuit Court
 - Neutral Case Evaluator
- Virginia State Bar

AWARDS

- 2010-2022, *Best Lawyers in America*® – Family Law Mediation
- 2006-2015, 2018-2021, *Virginia Super Lawyer* – Family Law
- 2007-2015, 2018, *Washington D.C. Super Lawyer* – Family Law
- 2008-2009, 2012-2015, 2017, *Virginia Business* magazine's "Legal Elite" Alternative Dispute Resolution
- 2017 Best of NoVA, top lawyers in Mediation, *Northern Virginia* magazine

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- Will Spousal Support Ever End in Virginia? (June 16, 2016)
- IRA Rollover Trap (in Divorce Cases) (August 11, 2014)
- Burden of Proof in Virginia Divorce Cases – Separate vs. Marital Property (April 7, 2014)
- Negotiating the Lease for New Office Space [AUDIO] (October 1, 2013)